

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A flexible guiding element for toy vehicles comprising a plurality of segments, each segment comprising:

a body having first and second ends, said body formed of a molded elastomeric material; and

a ductile metal member encased within said body in direct contact with and surrounded by said elastomeric material.

2. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 wherein said ductile metal member is a twisted pair of wires.

3. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 which further includes a male connector member at said first end and a female connector member at said second end.

4. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 3 wherein said male and female connector elements each include a pair of ridges displaced from each other to provide an interference fit when a male connector member on one segment is joined to a female connector member on an adjacent segment.

5. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 wherein said body includes first and second side edges, said side edges each defining a plurality of V-shaped indentations.

6. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 wherein said body includes a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface defining a pair of spaced apart depressions forming a track for said vehicle and said bottom surface defines a plurality of voids.

7. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 1 wherein said body includes a substantially continuous centrally disposed web like member and said ductile metal member is disposed therein.

8. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 3 further including a connector support member bridging the ends of adjacent segments.

9. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 8 wherein said body defines a plurality of cavities at each end thereof and said connector support member includes protrusions received within said cavities.

10. A flexible guiding element for toy vehicles comprising a plurality of segments, each segment comprising:

a body having first and second ends and first and second side edges, said body formed of a molded elastomeric material;

a pair of twisted ductile metal wires encased within said body in direct contact with and surrounded by said elastomeric material;

a male connector member at said first end of said body and a female connector member at said second end of said body, and said first and second side edges defining a plurality of V-shaped indentations.

11. A flexible guiding element as defined in Claim 10 wherein said body includes a substantially continuous centrally disposed web like member and said twisted pair of wires is disposed therein.